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AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 19a-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 3 (a) Each board or commission established under chapters 369 to 376,
- 4 inclusive, 378 to 381, inclusive, and 383 to 388, inclusive, and the
- 5 Department of Public Health with respect to professions under its
- 6 jurisdiction that have no board or commission may take any of the
- 7 following actions, singly or in combination, based on conduct that
- 8 occurred prior or subsequent to the issuance of a permit or a license
- 9 upon finding the existence of good cause:
- 10 (1) Revoke a practitioner's license or permit;
- 11 (2) Suspend a practitioner's license or permit;
- 12 (3) Censure a practitioner or permittee;
- 13 (4) Issue a letter of reprimand to a practitioner or permittee;

- 14 (5) Place a practitioner or permittee on probationary status and 15 require the practitioner or permittee to:
- 16 (A) Report regularly to such board, commission or department 17 upon the matters which are the basis of probation;
- 18 (B) Limit practice to those areas prescribed by such board, 19 commission or department;
- 20 (C) Continue or renew professional education until a satisfactory 21 degree of skill has been attained in those areas which are the basis for 22 the probation;
- 23 (6) Assess a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars;
- 24 (7) In those cases involving persons or entities licensed or certified 25 pursuant to sections 20-341d, 20-435, 20-436, 20-437, 20-438, 20-475 and 26 20-476, require that restitution be made to an injured property owner; 27 or
- 28 (8) Summarily take any action specified in this subsection against a 29 practitioner's license or permit upon receipt of proof that such 30 practitioner has been:
 - (A) Found guilty or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes a felony under (i) the laws of this state, (ii) federal law, or (iii) the laws of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under the laws of this state; or
- 35 (B) Subject to disciplinary action similar to that specified in this 36 subsection by a duly authorized professional agency of any state, the 37 District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory or a 38 foreign jurisdiction. The applicable board or commission, or the 39 department shall promptly notify the practitioner or permittee that his 40 license or permit has been summarily acted upon pursuant to this 41 subsection and shall institute formal proceedings for revocation within 42 ninety days after such notification. Such board or commission or the

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- 44 duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of any state, the
- 45 District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory or foreign
- jurisdiction and shall not permit a collateral attack on the findings and 46
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- 48 (b) Such board or commission or the department may withdraw the 49 probation if it finds that the circumstances that required action have 50 been remedied.
 - (c) Such board or commission or the department where appropriate may summarily suspend a practitioner's license or permit in advance of a final adjudication or during the appeals process if such board or commission or the department finds that a practitioner or permittee represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he is allowed to continue to practice.
 - (d) In addition to the authority provided to the Department of Public Health in subsection (a) of this section, the department may resolve any disciplinary action with respect to a practitioner's license or permit in any profession by voluntary surrender or agreement not to renew or reinstate.
 - (e) Such board or commission or the department may reinstate a license that has been suspended or revoked if, after a hearing, such board or commission or the department is satisfied that the practitioner or permittee is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, customers or the public in general. As a condition of reinstatement, the board or commission or the department may impose disciplinary or corrective measures authorized under this section.
 - (f) As used in this section, the term "license" shall be deemed to include the following authorizations relative to the practice of any profession listed in subsection (a) of this section: (1) Licensure by the Department of Public Health; (2) certification by the Department of Public Health; and (3) certification by a national certification body.

- (g) As used in this chapter, the term "permit" includes any authorization issued by the department to allow the practice, limited or otherwise, of a profession which would otherwise require a license; and the term "permittee" means any person who practices pursuant to a permit.
- Sec. 2. Section 19a-903b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 81 A hospital, as defined in section 19a-490b, may designate any 82 licensed health care provider and any certified ultrasound or nuclear 83 medicine [technician] technologist to perform the following oxygen-84 related patient care activities in a hospital: (1) Connecting or 85 disconnecting oxygen supply; (2) transporting a portable oxygen 86 source; (3) connecting, disconnecting or adjusting the mask, tubes and 87 other patient oxygen delivery apparatus; and (4) adjusting the rate or flow of oxygen consistent with a medical order. Such provider or 88 89 technician may perform such activities only to the extent permitted by 90 hospital policies and procedures, including bylaws, rules and 91 regulations applicable to the medical staff. A hospital shall document 92 that each person designated to perform oxygen-related patient care 93 activities has been properly trained, either through such person's 94 professional education or through training provided by the hospital. In 95 addition, a hospital shall require that such person satisfy annual 96 competency testing. The provisions of this section shall not apply to 97 any type of ventilator, continuous positive airway pressure or bi-level 98 positive airway pressure units or any other noninvasive positive 99 pressure ventilation.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 19a-12a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 103 (a) As used in this section, [and] section 19a-12b and section 4 of this 104 act:

- 105 (1) "Chemical dependency" means abusive or excessive use of 106 drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals, that results in 107 physical or psychological dependence;
- 108 (2) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;
- 109 (3) "Health care professionals" includes any person licensed or who
- 110 holds a permit pursuant to chapter 370, 372, 373, 375, 375a, 376, 376a,
- 376b, 376c, 377, 378, 379, 379a, 380, 381, 381a, 383, 383a, 383b, 383c, 384,
- 384a, 384b, 384c, 384d, 385, 398 or 399 and any institution licensed
- 113 pursuant to chapter 368v;
- 114 (4) "Medical review committee" means any committee that reviews
- and monitors participation by health care professionals in the
- assistance program, including a medical review committee described
- 117 in section 19a-17b; and
- 118 (5) "Assistance program" means the program established pursuant
- 119 to subsection (b) of this section to provide education, prevention,
- 120 intervention, referral assistance, rehabilitation or support services to
- health care professionals who have a chemical dependency, emotional
- or behavioral disorder or physical or mental illness.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (j) of section 19a-12a of the general statutes is
- 124 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 125 October 1, 2011):
- 126 (j) (1) Any [physician, hospital] health care professional or state or
- 127 local professional society or organization of health care professionals
- that refers a [physician] <u>health care professional</u> for intervention to the
- assistance program shall be deemed to have satisfied the obligations
- imposed on the person or organization pursuant to subsection (a) of
- 131 section 20-13d, with respect to a physician's inability to practice
- 132 medicine with reasonable skill or safety due to chemical dependency,
- emotional or behavioral disorder or physical or mental illness.
- 134 (2) Any physician, physician assistant, hospital or state or local

professional society or organization of health care professionals that refers a physician assistant for intervention to the assistance program shall be deemed to have satisfied the obligations imposed on the person or organization pursuant to subsection (a) of section 20-12e, with respect to a physician assistant's inability to practice with reasonable skill or safety due to chemical dependency, emotional or

behavioral disorder or physical or mental illness.

- 142 Sec. 5. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2011) A health care professional 143 with information which appears to show that another health care 144 professional is or may be unable to practice with reasonable skill and 145 safety due to (1) physical illness or loss of motor skills, including, but 146 not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, (2) emotional 147 disorder or mental illness, or (3) chemical dependency shall, not later 148 than thirty days after obtaining such information, file a petition with 149 the Department of Public Health. Such petition shall be filed on forms 150 supplied by the department, shall be signed and sworn to, and shall set 151 forth in detail the matters complained of.
- Sec. 6. Subdivision (11) of subsection (a) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- (11) Conduct any necessary investigation and follow-up in connection with complaints regarding persons subject to regulation or licensing by the department. In connection with any such investigation, the department may restrict, suspend or otherwise limit the license or permit of any person subject to regulation or licensing by the department pursuant to an interim consent order entered during the pendency of such investigation;
- Sec. 7. Section 7-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- As used in this chapter and sections 19a-40 to 19a-45, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Registrar of vital statistics" or "registrar" means the registrar of 166 167 births, marriages, deaths and fetal deaths or any public official charged 168 with the care of returns relating to vital statistics;
- 169 (2) "Registration" means the process by which vital records are 170 completed, filed and incorporated into the official records of the 171 department;
- 172 (3) "Institution" means any public or private facility that provides 173 inpatient medical, surgical or diagnostic care or treatment, or nursing, 174 custodial or domiciliary care, or to which persons are committed by 175 law;
- 176 (4) "Vital records" means a certificate of birth, death, fetal death or 177 marriage;
 - (5) "Certified copy" means a copy of a birth, death, fetal death or marriage certificate that (A) includes all information on the certificate except such information that is nondisclosable by law, (B) is issued or transmitted by any registrar of vital statistics, (C) includes an attested signature and the raised seal of an authorized person, and (D) if submitted to the department, includes all information required by the commissioner:
 - (6) "Uncertified copy" means a copy of a birth, death, fetal death or marriage certificate that includes all information contained in a certified copy except an original attested signature and a raised seal of an authorized person;
 - (7) "Authenticate" or "authenticated" means to affix to a vital record in paper format the official seal, or to affix to a vital record in electronic format the user identification, password, or other means of electronic identification, as approved by the department, of the creator of the vital record, or the creator's designee, by which affixing the creator of such paper or electronic vital record, or the creator's designee, affirms the integrity of such vital record;

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- 196 (8) "Attest" means to verify a vital record in accordance with the 197 provisions of subdivision (5) of this section;
 - (9) "Correction" means to change or enter new information on a certificate of birth, marriage, death or fetal death, within one year of the date of the vital event recorded in such certificate, in order to accurately reflect the facts existing at the time of the recording of such vital event, where such changes or entries are to correct errors on such certificate due to inaccurate or incomplete information provided by the informant at the time the certificate was prepared, or to correct transcribing, typographical or clerical errors;
- 206 (10) "Amendment" means to (A) change or enter new information 207 on a certificate of birth, marriage, death or fetal death, more than one 208 year after the date of the vital event recorded in such certificate, in 209 order to accurately reflect the facts existing at the time of the recording 210 of the event, (B) create a replacement certificate of birth for matters 211 pertaining to parentage and gender change, or (C) change a certificate of birth, marriage, death or fetal death to reflect facts that have 212 213 changed since the time the certificate was prepared, including, but not 214 limited to, a legal name change or a modification to a cause of death;
- 215 (11) "Acknowledgment of paternity" means to legally acknowledge 216 paternity of a child pursuant to section 46b-172;
- 217 (12) "Adjudication of paternity" means to legally establish paternity 218 through an order of a court of competent jurisdiction;
- 219 (13) "Parentage" includes matters relating to adoption, gestational 220 agreements, paternity and maternity;
- 221 (14) "Department" means the Department of Public Health; [and]
- 222 (15) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health or 223 the commissioner's designee; and
- 224 (16) "Foundling" means (A) a child of unknown parentage, or (B) an

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- 225 <u>infant voluntarily surrendered pursuant to the provisions of section</u>
- 226 17a-58.
- Sec. 8. Section 7-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 229 (a) The executive authority of any agency or institution, upon 230 accepting the temporary custody of any foundling, [child,] shall, 231 [within ten days from] not later than ten days after the date of such 232 acceptance, report to the registrar of vital statistics of the town or city 233 where such [child] foundling was found or voluntarily surrendered, in a format prescribed by the department, as follows: The date and place 234 235 of finding where voluntarily surrendered, the sex, the race, the 236 approximate age, the name and address of such agency or institution 237 and the name given to the [foundling] child. [If] Except for an infant 238 voluntarily surrendered pursuant to the provisions of section 17a-58, if 239 a child for whom [such] a report of foundling has been registered is 240 later identified and a certificate of birth is found or obtained, [it] the 241 certificate of birth shall be substituted and the [previous] report of 242 foundling shall be sealed and filed in a confidential file, and such seal 243 may be broken and the record inspected only upon order of a court of 244 competent jurisdiction. The certificate prescribed by this section shall 245 include such additional information as the department requires.
- 246 (b) For any infant surrendered pursuant to the provisions of section 247 17a-58, the hospital shall prepare a report of foundling as described in 248 subsection (a) of this section. If a certificate of birth has already been 249 filed in the state birth registry pursuant to the requirements of section 250 7-48, the report of foundling shall substitute for the original certificate 251 of birth which shall be sealed and filed in a confidential file at the 252 Department of Public Health. The original certificate of birth shall not 253 be released except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- Sec. 9. Section 7-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

- 256 (a) The town clerks of the several towns shall be, ex officio, the 257 registrars of vital statistics in their respective towns, except in towns 258 where such registrars are elected or appointed under special laws, and 259 shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as such.
 - (b) If a registrar of vital statistics is appointed under a special law or a town charter, the appointing authority or, if none, the chief executive official of the town, shall, [within] not later than ten days after such an appointment is made, file a notice of such appointment with the Secretary of the State, indicating the name and address of the person appointed, the date and method of such appointment and the law under which the appointment was made. [Within] Not later than ten days after a vacancy occurs in the appointed office of registrar of vital statistics, the first selectman or chief executive official of the town shall notify the Secretary of the State of such vacancy.
 - (c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, any newly elected or appointed registrar of vital statistics shall, not later than ten days after the date of assuming office, provide written notification to the Commissioner of Public Health of such election or appointment. In the event of a vacancy, the first selectman or chief executive official of the town shall notify the Commissioner of Public Health of the vacancy not later than ten days after the date of such vacancy.
 - Sec. 10. Section 7-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
 - (a) The town clerk of any town who is, ex officio, registrar of vital statistics in such town, and the registrar of vital statistics of any town who is elected under a special law or otherwise appointed pursuant to law, may, unless otherwise provided by charter or ordinance, appoint in writing suitable persons, not exceeding four in number, as assistant registrars of vital statistics, who, on being sworn, shall have the powers and perform the duties of such registrar during the time for which they are appointed, not extending beyond the term of office of

such registrar. [Within] Not later than ten days after a town clerk or registrar of vital statistics appoints an assistant registrar of vital statistics, the town clerk or registrar of vital statistics shall file a notice of such appointment with the Secretary of the State, indicating the name and address of the person appointed, the date and method of such appointment and the law under which the appointment was made. [Within] Not later than ten days after a vacancy occurs in the office of assistant registrar of vital statistics, the town clerk or registrar of vital statistics shall notify the Secretary of the State of such vacancy.

- (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the registrar of vital statistics shall, not later than ten days after the date of appointment of an assistant registrar or a vacancy occurring in the office of assistant registrar of vital statistics, provide written notice to the Commissioner of Public Health of such appointment or vacancy.
- Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 7-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
 - (a) The department and registrars of vital [records] <u>statistics</u> shall restrict access to and issuance of a certified copy of birth and fetal death records and certificates less than one hundred years old, to the following eligible parties: (1) The person whose birth is recorded, if over eighteen years of age; (2) such person's children, grandchildren, spouse, parent, guardian or grandparent; (3) the chief executive officer of the municipality where the birth or fetal death occurred, or the chief executive officer's authorized agent; (4) the local director of health for the town or city where the birth or fetal death occurred or where the mother was a resident at the time of the birth or fetal death, or the director's authorized agent; (5) attorneys-at-law [and title examiners] representing such person or such person's parent, guardian, child or surviving spouse; (6) <u>conservators appointed to oversee the personal affairs of such person; (7)</u> members of genealogical societies incorporated or authorized by the Secretary of the State to do business

- 320 or conduct affairs in this state; [(7)] (8) agents of a state or federal 321 agency as approved by the department; and [(8)] (9) researchers 322 approved by the department pursuant to section 19a-25. Except as 323 provided in section 19a-42a, access to confidential files on paternity, 324 adoption, gender change or gestational agreements, or information 325 contained within such files, shall not be released to any party, 326 including the eligible parties listed in this subsection, except upon an 327 order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- Sec. 12. Section 20-14e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- (a) A drug dispensed by a prescribing practitioner shall be personally dispensed by the prescribing practitioner and the dispensing of such drug shall not be delegated except that, in emergency departments of acute care hospitals licensed under chapter 368v, the tasks related to dispensing such drug may be carried out by a nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 under the supervision of the prescribing practitioner.
- 337 (b) A patient's medical record shall include a complete record of any 338 drug dispensed by the prescribing practitioner.
- 339 (c) A prescribing practitioner dispensing a drug shall package the 340 drug in containers approved by the federal Consumer Product Safety 341 Commission, unless requested otherwise by the patient, and shall label 342 the container with the following information: (1) The full name of the 343 patient; (2) the prescribing practitioner's full name and address; (3) the 344 date of dispensing; (4) instructions for use; and (5) any cautionary 345 statements as may be required by law.
- 346 (d) Professional samples dispensed by a prescribing practitioner 347 shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.
- 348 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or chapter 400j, a 349 prescribing practitioner who diagnoses a chlamydia or gonorrhea

- 350 infection in a patient may prescribe and dispense oral antibiotic drugs 351 to such patient and the patient's partner or partners in order to prevent 352 further infection without a physical examination of such partner or 353 partners. A prescribing practitioner who prescribes or dispenses oral 354 antibiotic drugs to the partner or partners of a patient diagnosed with 355 a chlamydia or gonorrhea infection shall, in accordance with the 356 provisions of this subsection, not be deemed to have violated the 357 prescribing practitioner's standard of care for such prescribing or 358 dispensing drugs. The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation 359 with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, may adopt 360 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the 361 provisions of this subsection.
- [(e)] (f) A prescribing physician or surgeon may dispense and sell contact lenses that contain a drug, as defined in section 20-571, and such physician or surgeon shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact lenses. As used in this subsection, "physician" means a person holding a license issued pursuant to this chapter, except a homeopathic physician.
 - [(f)] (g) A licensed optometrist, authorized to practice advanced optometric care pursuant to section 20-127, who dispenses contact lenses that contain ocular agents-T, as defined in subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 20-127, shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact lenses.
- Sec. 13. Section 19a-216 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- (a) Any municipal health department, state institution or facility, licensed physician or public or private hospital or clinic, may examine [and] or provide treatment for venereal disease for a minor, if the physician or facility is qualified to provide such examination [and] or treatment. The consent of the parents or guardian of the minor shall

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not be a prerequisite to the examination [and] or treatment. The physician in charge or other appropriate authority of the facility or the licensed physician concerned shall prescribe an appropriate course of treatment for the minor. The fact of consultation, examination [and] or treatment of a minor under the provisions of this section shall be confidential and shall not be divulged by the facility or physician, including the sending of a bill for the services to any person other than the minor, except for purposes of reports under section 19a-215, as amended by this act, and except that, if the minor is not more than twelve years of age, the facility or physician shall report the name, age and address of that minor to the Commissioner of Children and Families or [his] the commissioner's designee who shall proceed thereon as in reports under section 17a-101g.

- (b) A minor shall be personally liable for all costs and expenses for services afforded [him at his] <u>such minor at his or her</u> request under this section.
- Sec. 14. Section 19a-124 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
 - (a) The Department of Public Health shall establish needle and syringe exchange programs in [the health departments of] the three cities having the highest total number of [cases of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome among intravenous drug users as of December 31, 1991] human immunodeficiency-virus-infections-among-injection-drug users. The department shall establish [, with the assistance of the health departments of the cities selected for the programs,] protocols in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. [The department and the city health departments shall evaluate the effectiveness of the programs based on the criteria specified by the Department of Public Health.] The department may authorize similar programs in other areas of the state, as determined by the commissioner, through local health departments or other local organizations.

(b) The programs shall: (1) Be incorporated into existing [acquired immunodeficiency syndrome prevention and outreach projects] human immunodeficiency virus prevention programs in the selected cities; (2) provide for free and [anonymous] confidential exchanges of needles and syringes and (A) provide that program participants receive an equal number of needles and syringes for those returned; and (B) provide that first-time applicants to the program receive an initial packet of thirty needles and syringes, educational material and a list of drug counseling services; [and (C) assure, through programdeveloped and commissioner-approved protocols, that a person receive only one such initial packet over the life of the program;] and offer education the transmission of the human on immunodeficiency virus and prevention measures and assist program participants in obtaining drug treatment services. [; and (4) for the first year of operation of the program, require all needles and syringes to be marked and checked for return rates.]

- (c) [The commissioner shall require programs to include an evaluation component during the first year of operation] The department shall establish requirements to monitor (1) return rates of needles and syringes distributed, (2) [behavioral change of program participants, such as needle sharing and the use of condoms, (3)] program participation rates, and (3) the number of participants who are motivated to enter treatment as a result of the program and the status of their treatment. [, and (4) the incidence of intravenous drug use to see if there is a change as a result of the program. The department shall establish evaluation and monitoring requirements to be applied to subsequent years of the programs.]
- (d) [The health department of each city selected for a needle and syringe exchange program or the person] Any organization conducting [the] a needle and syringe exchange program shall submit a report evaluating the effectiveness of the program to the Department of Public Health. [The department shall compile all information received on the programs and report to the joint standing committees

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- of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.
- Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 20-32 of the general statutes is
- 450 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 451 *October* 1, 2011):
- (b) All licensed chiropractors applying for license renewal shall be
- 453 required to participate in continuing education programs. The
- Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance
- 455 with chapter 54, to (1) define basic requirements for continuing
- 456 education programs, (2) delineate qualifying programs, (3) establish a
- 457 system of control and reporting, and (4) provide for waiver of the
- 458 continuing education requirement for good cause. For registration
- 459 periods beginning on and after October 1, 2012, the Commissioner of
- 460 Public Health, in consultation with the Board of Chiropractic
- 461 Examiners, shall, on or before October 1, 2011, and biennially
- 462 thereafter, issue a list that includes not more than five mandatory
- 463 topics for continuing education activities that shall be required for the
- 464 two subsequent registration periods following the date of issuance of
- 465 such list.
- Sec. 16. Section 10-204a of the general statutes is amended by adding
- subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 468 (NEW) (c) The Commissioner of Public Health may issue a
- 469 temporary waiver to the adequate immunization schedule for any
- 470 vaccine if the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 471 recognizes a nation-wide shortage of supply for said vaccine.
- Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes is
- 473 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 474 *October 1, 2011*):
- (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall
- 476 not include such services which are:

- 477 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered 478 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school 479 building;
- 480 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with 481 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is 482 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of 483 Education;
- (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;
- (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors [or] and formal or informal arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the relative is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood or marriage to the child being cared for or to the child's parent: Child, grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or child of one's aunt or uncle;
 - (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently where the parents are on the premises;
 - (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail establishments where the parents [are on the premises] remain in the same store as the child for retail shopping, [in accordance with section 19a-77a,] provided [that] the drop-in supplementary child-care operation does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child day care center;
- 505 (7) Drop-in programs administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls' club;

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- 507 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious 508 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians 509 are members of such religious institution;
 - (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based nonprofit youth development and environmental education organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs are not licensed by the Department of Public Health to provide child day care services; or
- 516 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with 517 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that 518 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of 519 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive.
- Sec. 18. Section 19a-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

Any person who establishes, conducts or maintains a youth camp without a license as required by this chapter for a first offense shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than [five hundred] one thousand dollars, and for a second or subsequent offense shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than [seven hundred fifty] one thousand five <u>hundred</u> dollars, and each day during which a youth camp is conducted or maintained without a license, after notification to such person by the commissioner, shall constitute a separate offense. The Commissioner of Public Health may apply to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, or for the judicial district where the defendant named in such application resides, for an injunction to restrain the operation or maintenance of a youth camp by any person other than a licensed operator. The application for such injunction or the issuance of the same shall be in addition to and shall not relieve any such person from the imposition of a civil penalty under this section. In connection with any such application for an injunction, it shall not be necessary to prove that an adequate remedy at law does

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- 540 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 19a-80 of the general statutes is
- 541 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 542 October 1, 2011):
- 543 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the 544 Commissioner of Public Health shall issue such license if, upon inspection and investigation, said commissioner finds that the 545 546 applicant, the facilities and the program meet the health, educational 547 and social needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or 548 group day care home and comply with requirements established by 549 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as 550 amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive. The 551 Commissioner of Public Health shall offer an expedited application 552 review process for an application submitted by a municipal agency or 553 department. [Each license shall be for a term of two years, provided on 554 and after October 1, 2008, each Each license shall be for a term of four 555 years, shall be nontransferable, <u>and</u> may be renewed upon [payment of 556 the] receipt by the commissioner of a renewal application and 557 accompanying licensure fee. [and may be suspended or revoked] The 558 commissioner may suspend or revoke such license after notice and an 559 opportunity for a hearing as provided in section 19a-84 for violation of 560 the regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as 561 amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive.
 - [(2) Prior to October 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Public Health shall collect from the licensee of a day care center a fee of two hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed for a term of two years. Prior to October 1, 2008, said commissioner shall collect from the licensee of a group day care home a fee of one hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed for a term of two years.]
- 568 [(3)] (2) [On and after October 1, 2008, the] The Commissioner of 569 Public Health shall collect from the licensee of a day care center a fee of 570 five hundred dollars [for each license issued or renewed] prior to

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571 issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years. [On and after 572 October 1, 2008, said The commissioner shall collect from the licensee 573 of a group day care home a fee of two hundred fifty dollars [for each 574 license issued or renewed] prior to issuing or renewing a license for a 575 term of four years. The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner 576 shall require only one license for a child day care center operated in 577 two or more buildings, provided the same licensee provides child day 578 care services in each building and the buildings are joined together by 579 a contiguous playground that is part of the licensed space.

Sec. 20. Section 19a-87b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(a) No person, group of persons, association, organization, corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without a license issued by the Commissioner of Public Health. Licensure forms shall be obtained from the Department of Public Health. Applications for licensure shall be made to the commissioner on forms provided by the department and shall contain the information required by regulations adopted under this section. The licensure and application forms shall contain a notice that false statements made therein are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b. Applicants shall state, in writing, that they are in compliance with the regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to subsection [(c)] (f) of this section. Before a family day care home license is granted, the department shall make an inquiry and investigation which shall include a visit and inspection of the premises for which the license is requested. Any inspection conducted by the department shall include an inspection for evident sources of lead poisoning. The department shall provide for a chemical analysis of any paint chips found on such premises. Neither the commissioner nor the commissioner's designee shall require an annual inspection for homes seeking license renewal or for licensed homes, except that the commissioner shall or the commissioner's designee make

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604 unannounced visits, during customary business hours, to at least 605 thirty-three and one-third per cent of the licensed family day care 606 homes each year. A licensed family day care home shall not be subject 607 to any conditions on the operation of such home by local officials, 608 other than those imposed by the department pursuant to this 609 subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and ordinances 610 applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

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- (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without an approval issued by the Commissioner of Public Health. Any person seeking to act as an assistant or substitute staff member in a family day care home shall submit an application for such approval to the department. Applications for approval shall: (1) Be made to the commissioner on forms provided by the department, (2) contain the information required by regulations adopted under this section, and (3) be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars. The approval application forms shall contain a notice that false statements made in such form are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.
- [(b)] (c) The Commissioner of Public Health, within available appropriations, shall require each initial applicant or prospective employee of a family day care home in a position requiring the provision of care to a child, including an assistant or substitute staff member, to submit to state and national criminal history records checks. The criminal history records checks required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The commissioner shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this subsection.
- (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section, shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license

- 636 <u>issued pursuant to this section, shall be accompanied by a fee of forty</u>
 637 <u>dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in</u>
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- 640 <u>this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed</u>
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- (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff approval shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars. Such approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.
 - [(c)] (f) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure that family day care homes, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, shall meet the health, educational and social needs of children utilizing such homes. Such regulations shall ensure that the family day care home is treated as a residence, and not an institutional facility. Such regulations shall specify that each child be protected as ageappropriate by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f. Such regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions for children for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated and for children whose parents object to such immunization on religious grounds. Such regulations shall also specify conditions under which family day care home providers may administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving day care services at a family day care home pursuant to a written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this or another state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a

parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations shall specify appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent short-term overnight care. The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided not later than sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of any new or changed regulations adopted under this subsection with which a licensee must comply.

- [(d) Applications for initial licensure under this section submitted prior to October 1, 2008, shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars and such licenses shall be issued for a term of two years. Applications for renewal of licenses granted under this section submitted prior to October 1, 2008, shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars and such licenses shall be renewed for a term of two years. No such license shall be renewed unless the licensee certifies that the children enrolled in the family day care home have received age-appropriate immunization in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.
- (e) Each license issued on or after October 1, 2008, shall be for a term of four years, shall be nontransferable and may be renewed upon payment of the licensure fee and a signed statement from the licensee certifying that the children enrolled in the family day care home have received age-appropriate immunization in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Public Health shall collect from the licensee of a family day care home a fee of eighty dollars for each license issued or renewed for a term of four years.]
- 694 Sec. 21. Subsection (d) of section 31-286a of the general statutes is 695 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 696 October 1, 2011):
- 697 (d) For purposes of this section, "sufficient evidence" means (1) a 698 certificate of self-insurance issued by a workers' compensation 699 commissioner pursuant to section 31-284, (2) a certificate of compliance 700 issued by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to section 31-286, (3) a

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certificate of insurance issued by any stock or mutual insurance company or mutual association authorized to write workers' compensation insurance in this state or its agent, or (4) in lieu of a physical certificate of insurance being presented for the issuance or renewal of licenses and permits issued by the Department of Consumer Protection or Public Health, the entrance by the applicant on the renewal form of the name of the insurer, insurance policy number, effective dates of coverage, and a certification that the same is truthful and accurate.

- Sec. 22. Section 19a-32g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
 - (a) (1) There is established a Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee. The committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health. All members appointed to the committee shall (A) have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the ethical and medical implications of embryonic and human adult stem cell research or related research fields, including, but not limited to, embryology, genetics or cellular biology, (B) have practical research experience in human adult or embryonic stem cell research or related research fields, including, but not limited to, embryology, genetics or cellular biology, and (C) work to advance embryonic and human adult stem cell research. Members shall serve for a term of four years commencing on October first, except that three members first appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health shall serve for a term of two years. No member may serve for more than two consecutive four-year terms and no member may serve concurrently on the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32f. All initial appointments to the committee shall be made by October 1, 2005. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the committee.

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- 733 (2) [On and after July 1, 2007, the] The Commissioner of Public 734 Health may appoint such additional members to the Stem Cell 735 Research Peer Review Committee as the commissioner deems 736 necessary for the review of applications for grants-in-aid, provided the 737 total number of Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee members 738 does not exceed fifteen. Such additional members shall be appointed as 739 provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that such 740 additional members shall serve for a term of two years from the date of 741 appointment.
 - (b) All members shall be deemed public officials and shall adhere to the code of ethics for public officials set forth in chapter 10. No member shall participate in the affairs of the committee with respect to the review or consideration of any grant-in-aid application filed by such member or by any eligible institution in which such member has a financial interest, or with which such member engages in any business, employment, transaction or professional activity.
 - (c) Prior to the awarding of any grants-in-aid for embryonic or human adult stem cell research pursuant to section 19a-32e, the Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee shall review all applications submitted by eligible institutions for such grants-in-aid and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Health and the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32f with respect to the ethical and scientific merit of each application.
- (d) Peer review committee members may receive compensation from the Stem Cell Research Fund, established pursuant to section 19a-32e, for reviewing grant-in-aid applications submitted by eligible institutions pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The rate of compensation shall be established by the Commissioner of Public Health in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of Policy and Management.
- 764 [(d)] (e) The Peer Review Committee shall establish guidelines for

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the rating and scoring of such applications by the Stem Cell Research
Peer Review Committee.

[(e)] (f) All members of the committee shall become and remain fully cognizant of the National Academies' Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research, as amended from time to time, and shall utilize said guidelines to evaluate each grant-in-aid application. The committee may make recommendations to the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee and the Commissioner of Public Health concerning the adoption of said guidelines, in whole or in part, in the form of regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54.

Sec. 23. Section 19a-2a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

The Commissioner of Public Health shall employ the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease and shall administer all laws under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health and the Public Health Code. [He] The commissioner shall have responsibility for the overall operation and administration of the Department of Public Health. The commissioner shall have the power and duty to: (1) Administer, coordinate and direct the operation of the department; (2) adopt and enforce regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, as are necessary to carry out the purposes of the department as established by statute; (3) establish rules for the internal operation and administration of the department; (4) establish and develop programs and administer services to achieve the purposes of the department as established by statute; (5) contract for facilities, services and programs to implement the purposes of the department as established by statute; (6) designate a deputy commissioner or other employee of the department to sign any license, certificate or permit issued by said department; (7) conduct a hearing, issue subpoenas, administer oaths, compel testimony and render a final decision in any case when a hearing is required or authorized under the provisions of any statute dealing with the Department of Public Health; (8) with the

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health authorities of this and other states, secure information and data concerning the prevention and control of epidemics and conditions affecting or endangering the public health, and compile such information and statistics and shall disseminate among health authorities and the people of the state such information as may be of value to them; (9) annually issue a list of reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions and a list of reportable laboratory findings and amend such [list as he] lists as the commissioner deems necessary and distribute such [list] lists as well as any necessary forms to each licensed physician and clinical laboratory in this state. [He] The commissioner shall prepare printed forms for reports and returns, with such instructions as may be necessary, for the use of directors of health, boards of health and registrars of vital statistics; (10) specify uniform methods of keeping statistical information by public and private agencies, organizations and individuals, including a client identifier system, and collect and make available relevant statistical information, including the number of persons treated, frequency of admission and readmission, and frequency and duration of treatment. The client identifier system shall be subject to the confidentiality requirements set forth in section 17a-688 and regulations adopted thereunder. The commissioner may designate any person to perform any of the duties listed in subdivision (7) of this section. [He] <u>The commissioner</u> shall have authority over directors of health and may, for cause, remove any such director; but any person claiming to be aggrieved by such removal may appeal to the Superior Court which may affirm or reverse the action of the commissioner as the public interest requires. [He] The commissioner shall assist and advise local directors of health in the performance of their duties, and may require the enforcement of any law, regulation or ordinance relating to public health. When requested by local directors of health, [he] the commissioner shall consult with them and investigate and advise concerning any condition affecting public health within their jurisdiction. [He] The commissioner shall investigate nuisances and conditions affecting, or that he or she has

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831 reason to suspect may affect, the security of life and health in any 832 locality and, for that purpose, [he] the commissioner, or any person 833 authorized by [him so to do] the commissioner, may enter and 834 examine any ground, vehicle, apartment, building or place, and any 835 person designated by [him] the commissioner shall have the authority 836 conferred by law upon constables. Whenever [he] the commissioner 837 determines that any provision of the general statutes or regulation of 838 the Public Health Code is not being enforced effectively by a local 839 health department, he or she shall forthwith take such measures, 840 including the performance of any act required of the local health 841 department, to ensure enforcement of such statute or regulation and 842 shall inform the local health department of such measures. In 843 September of each year [he] the commissioner shall certify to the 844 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management the population of 845 each municipality. The commissioner may solicit and accept for use 846 any gift of money or property made by will or otherwise, and any 847 grant of or contract for money, services or property from the federal government, the state or any political subdivision thereof or any 848 849 private source, and do all things necessary to cooperate with the 850 federal government or any of its agencies in making an application for 851 any grant or contract. The commissioner may establish state-wide and 852 regional advisory councils.

- Sec. 24. Section 19a-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 855 (a) For the purposes of this section:
- 856 (1) "Clinical laboratory" means any facility or other area used for 857 serological, microbiological, chemical, hematological, immunohematological, biophysical, cytological, pathological or other 858 859 examinations of human body fluids, secretions, excretions or excised 860 or exfoliated tissues, for the purpose of providing information for the 861 diagnosis, prevention or treatment of any human disease or 862 impairment, for the assessment of human health or for the presence of

- 863 <u>drugs, poisons or other toxicological substances.</u>
- [(1)] (2) "Commissioner's list of reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions" and "commissioner's list of reportable laboratory findings" means the [list] lists developed pursuant to
- section 19a-2a, as amended by this act.
- 868 **[(2)]** (3) "Confidential" means confidentiality of information 869 pursuant to section 19a-25.
- [(3)] (4) "Health care provider" means a person who has direct or supervisory responsibility for the delivery of health care or medical services, including licensed physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, medical examiners and administrators, superintendents and managers of health care facilities.
- (5) "Reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions"
 means the diseases, illnesses, conditions, or syndromes designated by
 the Commissioner of Public Health on the list required pursuant to
 section 19a-2a, as amended by this act.
- 880 (b) A health care provider shall report each case occurring in such 881 provider's practice, of any disease on the commissioner's list of 882 reportable diseases, [and laboratory findings] emergency illnesses and 883 health conditions to the director of health of the town, city or borough 884 in which such case resides and to the Department of Public Health, no 885 later than twelve hours after such provider's recognition of the disease. 886 Such reports shall be in writing, by telephone or in an electronic format 887 approved by the commissioner. Such reports of disease shall be 888 confidential and not open to public inspection except as provided [in 889 subsection (d) of this section for in section 19a-25.
- (c) A clinical laboratory shall report each finding identified by such
 laboratory of any disease identified on the commissioner's list of
 reportable laboratory findings to the Department of Public Health not

later than forty-eight hours after such laboratory's finding. A clinical laboratory that reports an average of more than thirty findings per month shall make such reports electronically in a format approved by the commissioner. Any clinical laboratory that reports an average of less than thirty findings per month shall submit such reports, in writing, by telephone or in an electronic format approved by the commissioner. All such reports shall be confidential and not open to public inspection except as provided for in section 19a-25. The Department of Public Health shall provide a copy of all such reports to the director of health of the town, city or borough in which the affected person resides or, in the absence of such information, the town where the specimen originated.

[(c)] (d) When a local director of health or his authorized agent or the Department of Public Health receives a report of a disease or laboratory finding on the commissioner's [list] <u>lists</u> of reportable [disease] <u>diseases</u>, <u>emergency illnesses and health conditions</u> and laboratory findings, either may contact first the reporting health care provider and then the person with the reportable finding to obtain such information as may be necessary to lead to the effective control of further spread of such disease. In the case of reportable communicable diseases and laboratory findings, this information may include obtaining the identification of persons who may be the source or subsequent contacts of such infection.

[(d)] (e) All personal information obtained from disease prevention and control investigations as performed in [subsection (c)] <u>subsections</u> (c) and (d) of this section including the health care provider's name and the identity of the reported case of disease and suspected source persons and contacts shall not be divulged to anyone and shall be held strictly confidential pursuant to section 19a-25, by the local director of health and [his] <u>the director's</u> authorized agent and by the Department of Public Health.

924 [(e)] (f) Any person who violates any reporting or confidentiality

provision of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. No provision of this section shall be deemed to supersede section 19a-584.

- 928 Sec. 25. Subsection (c) of section 19a-91 of the general statutes is 929 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 930 October 1, 2011):
- 931 (c) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this 932 section, in the case of death resulting from a disease on the current list 933 of reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions 934 developed pursuant to section [19a-36-A2 of the regulations of 935 Connecticut state agencies 19a-2, as amended by this act, the licensed 936 embalmer or funeral director having charge of the dead human body 937 shall prepare such body for burial or cremation by having the body 938 washed, embalmed or wrapped as soon as practicable after the body 939 arrives at the licensed embalmer's or licensed funeral director's place of 940 business. The provisions of this subsection do not apply if death is not 941 the result of a disease on the current list of reportable diseases, 942 emergency illnesses and health conditions developed pursuant to 943 section [19a-36-A2 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies] 944 19a-2, as amended by this act, provided the licensed embalmer or 945 funeral director having charge of the body takes appropriate measures to ensure that the body does not pose a threat to the public health. 946
 - Sec. 26. Section 20-329cc of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

As used in sections 20-329cc to 20-329ff, inclusive, a "nonmaterial fact concerning real property" means a fact, set of facts or circumstance surrounding real estate which includes, but is not limited to: (1) The fact that an occupant of real property is or has been infected with a disease on the list of reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions issued by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-2a, as amended by this act; or (2) the fact that the property was at any time suspected to have been the site of a death

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- 958 Sec. 27. Section 19a-612d of the general statutes is repealed and the 959 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

960 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, there shall 961 be a Deputy Commissioner of Public Health who shall oversee the 962 Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public 963 Health and who shall exercise independent decision-making authority 964 over all certificate of need decisions. [related matters, including, but 965 not limited to, determinations, orders, decisions and agreed 966 settlements. The individual serving as the Commissioner of Health 967 Care Access on September 1, 2009, shall serve as a Deputy 968 Commissioner of Public Health with responsibility for overseeing the 969 Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public 970 Health. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, said 971 deputy commissioner may designate an executive assistant to serve in 972 such capacity. On or before January 1, 2010, said deputy commissioner 973 in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health shall jointly 974 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the 975 Governor and joint standing committee of the General Assembly 976 cognizance of matters related to public health 977 recommendations for reform of the certificate of need process.]

- Sec. 28. Subsection (c) of section 19a-639a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2011):
- (c) Not later than five business days after receipt of a properly filed certificate of need application, the office shall publish notice of the application on its web site. [and with the office of the Secretary of the State.] Not later than thirty days after the date of filing of the application, the office may request such additional information as the office determines necessary to complete the application. The applicant shall, not later than sixty days after the date of the office's request, submit the requested information to the office. If an applicant fails to

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992 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 17b-256 of the general statutes is 993 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 994 October 1, 2011):

(a) The Commissioner of Social Services may administer, within available appropriations, a program providing payment for the cost of drugs prescribed by a physician for the treatment of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or human immunodeficiency virus. The commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall determine specific drugs to be covered and may implement a pharmacy lock-in procedure for the program. The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section. The [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services may implement the program while in the process of adopting regulations, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is published in the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days of implementation. The regulations may include eligibility for all persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or human immunodeficiency virus whose income is below four hundred per cent of the federal poverty level. Subject to federal approval, the [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services may, within available federal resources, maintain [existing] insurance policies for eligible clients, including, but not limited to, coverage of costs associated with such policies, that provide a full range of human immunodeficiency virus treatments and access to comprehensive primary care services as determined by the commissioner and as provided by federal law, and may provide payment, determined by the commissioner, for (1) drugs and nutritional supplements prescribed by a physician that prevent or treat opportunistic diseases and conditions associated with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or human immunodeficiency virus; (2)

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1022 ancillary supplies related to the administration of such drugs; and (3) 1023 laboratory tests ordered by a physician. On and after May 26, 2006, any 1024 person who previously received insurance assistance under the 1025 program established pursuant to section 17b-255 of the general 1026 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to 2005, shall continue to receive such 1027 assistance until the expiration of the insurance coverage, provided 1028 such person continues to meet program eligibility requirements 1029 established in accordance with this subsection. On or before March 1, 1030 2007, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Social Services 1031 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing 1032 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 1033 relating to human services, public health and appropriations and the 1034 budgets of state agencies on the projected availability of funds for the 1035 program established pursuant to this section.

Sec. 30. Section 19a-495 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(NEW) (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, may implement policies and procedures, in compliance with federal law, permitting licensed health care providers with prescriptive authority to prescribe medications to treat persons dependent on opiates in free standing substance abuse treatment facilities, licensed under section 19a-490, while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided the commissioner prints notice of the intent to adopt regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than thirty days after the date of implementation of such policies and procedures. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

Sec. 31. Subsection (e) of section 19a-491 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

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- 1054 charge one thousand dollars for the [following fees for the] licensing 1055 and inspection every four years of [the following institutions: (1) 1056 Outpatient] outpatient clinics that provide either medical or mental 1057 health service, and well-child clinics, except those operated by 1058 municipal health departments, health districts or licensed nonprofit 1059 nursing or community health agencies. [, one thousand dollars; (2) 1060 maternity homes, per site, two hundred dollars; and (3) maternity 1061 homes, per bed, ten dollars.]
- Sec. 32. Section 19a-266 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 1064 (a) For purposes of this section:
- 1065 (1) "Breast cancer screening and referral services" means necessary 1066 breast cancer screening services and referral services for a procedure 1067 intended to treat cancer of the human breast, including, but not limited 1068 to, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy and 1069 related medical follow-up services.
 - (2) "Cervical cancer screening and referral services" means necessary cervical cancer screening services and referral services for a procedure intended to treat cancer of the human cervix, including, but not limited to, surgery, radiation therapy, cryotherapy, electrocoagulation and related medical follow-up services.
- (3) "Unserved or underserved populations" means women who are:

 (A) At or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level for
 individuals; (B) without health insurance that covers breast cancer
 screening mammography or cervical cancer screening services; and (C)
 [nineteen] twenty-one to sixty-four years of age.
 - (b) There is established, within existing appropriations, a breast and cervical cancer early detection and treatment referral program, within the Department of Public Health, to (1) promote screening, detection and treatment of breast cancer and cervical cancer among unserved or

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- underserved populations, (2) educate the public regarding breast cancer and cervical cancer and the benefits of early detection, and (3) provide counseling and referral services for treatment.
 - (c) The program shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) Establishment of a public education and outreach initiative to publicize breast cancer and cervical cancer early detection services and the extent of coverage for such services by health insurance; the benefits of early detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency of screening services, including clinical breast examinations and mammography; and the medical assistance program and other public and private programs and the benefits of early detection of cervical cancer and the recommended frequency of pap tests;
 - (2) Development of professional education programs, including the benefits of early detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency of mammography and the benefits of early detection of cervical cancer and the recommended frequency of pap tests;
 - (3) Establishment of a system to track and follow up on all women screened for breast cancer and cervical cancer in the program. The system shall include, but not be limited to, follow-up of abnormal screening tests and referral to treatment when needed and tracking women to be screened at recommended screening intervals;
 - (4) Assurance that all participating providers of breast cancer and cervical cancer screening are in compliance with national and state quality assurance legislative mandates.
 - (d) The Department of Public Health shall provide unserved or underserved populations, within existing appropriations and through contracts with health care providers: (1) Clinical breast examinations, screening mammograms and pap tests, as recommended in the most current breast and cervical cancer screening guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services Task Force, for the woman's age

- and medical history; <u>and</u> (2) [a sixty-day follow-up pap test for victims of sexual assault; and (3)] a pap test every six months for women who
- 1116 have tested HIV positive.
- [(e) The Commissioner of Public Health shall report annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the rate of breast cancer and cervical cancer morbidity and mortality in this state and the extent of participation in breast cancer and cervical cancer screening.]
- [(f)] (e) The organizations providing the testing and treatment services shall report to the Department of Public Health the names of the insurer of each underinsured woman being tested to facilitate recoupment.
- Sec. 33. Subdivision (8) of section 19a-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (8) (A) Not later than October 1, 2001, develop or cause to be 1130 1131 developed a data collection system that will follow a patient from 1132 initial entry into the emergency medical service system through arrival 1133 at the emergency room and, within available appropriations, may 1134 expand the data collection system to include clinical treatment and 1135 patient outcome data. The commissioner shall, on a quarterly basis, 1136 collect the following information from each licensed ambulance service 1137 or certified ambulance service that provides emergency medical 1138 services: (i) The total number of calls for emergency medical services 1139 received by such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance 1140 service through the 9-1-1 system during the reporting period; (ii) each 1141 level of emergency medical services, as defined in regulations adopted 1142 pursuant to section 19a-179, required for each such call; (iii) the 1143 response time for each licensed ambulance service or certified 1144 ambulance service during the reporting period; (iv) the number of passed calls, cancelled calls and mutual aid calls during the reporting 1145

period; and (v) for the reporting period, the prehospital data for the nonscheduled transport of patients required by regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (6) of this section. The information required under this subdivision may be submitted in any written or electronic form selected by such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service and approved by the commissioner, provided the commissioner shall take into consideration the needs of such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service in approving such written or electronic form. The commissioner may conduct an audit of any such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service as the commissioner deems necessary in order to verify the accuracy of such reported information.

[(B) The commissioner shall prepare a report that shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: (i) The total number of calls for emergency medical services received during the reporting year by each licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service; (ii) the level of emergency medical services required for each such call; (iii) the name of the provider of each such level of emergency medical services furnished during the reporting year; (iv) the response time, by time ranges or fractile response times, for each licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service, using a common definition of response time, as provided in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-179; and (v) the number of passed calls, cancelled calls and mutual aid calls during the reporting year. The commissioner shall prepare such report in a format that categorizes such information for each municipality in which the emergency medical services were provided, with each such municipality grouped according to urban, suburban and rural classifications. Not later than March 31, 2002, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit such report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, shall make such report available to the public and shall post such report on the Department of Public Health web site on the Internet.]

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[(C)] (B) If any licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service does not submit the information required under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision for a period of six consecutive months, or if the commissioner believes that such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service knowingly or intentionally submitted incomplete or false information, the commissioner shall issue a written order directing such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service to comply with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and submit all missing information or such corrected information as the commissioner may require. If such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service fails to fully comply with such order not later than three months from the date such order is issued, the commissioner (i) shall conduct a hearing, in accordance with chapter 54, at which such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service shall be required to show cause why the primary service area assignment of such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service should not be revoked, and (ii) may take such disciplinary action under section 19a-17, as amended by this act, as the commissioner deems appropriate.

[(D)] (C) [On and after October 1, 2006, the] The commissioner shall collect the information required by subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, in the manner provided in said subparagraph, from each person or emergency medical service organization licensed or certified under section 19a-180 that provides emergency medical services; [. On and after October 1, 2006, such information shall be included in the annual report prepared by the commissioner in accordance with subparagraph (B) of this subdivision and such person or emergency medical service organization shall be subject to the provisions of subparagraph (C) of this subdivision;

- 1208 Sec. 34. Section 19a-4j of the general statutes is repealed and the 1209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 1210 (a) There is established, within the Department of Public Health, an

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- 1211 Office of Multicultural Health. The responsibility of the office is to
- 1212 improve the health of all Connecticut residents by eliminating
- differences in disease, disability and death rates among ethnic, racial
- 1214 and cultural populations.
- 1215 (b) The department may apply for, accept and expend such funds as
- may be available from federal, state or other sources and may enter
- into contracts to carry out the responsibilities of the office.
- 1218 (c) The office shall:
- 1219 (1) With regard to health status: (A) Monitor the health status of
- 1220 African Americans; Latinos/Hispanics; Native Americans/Alaskan
- 1221 Natives; and Asians, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; (B)
- 1222 compare the results of the health status monitoring with the health
- 1223 status of non-Hispanic Caucasians/whites; and (C) assess the
- 1224 effectiveness of state programs in eliminating differences in health
- 1225 status;
- 1226 (2) Assess the health education and health resource needs of ethnic,
- 1227 racial and cultural populations listed in subdivision (1) of this
- 1228 subsection; and
- 1229 (3) Maintain a directory of, and assist in development and
- 1230 promotion of, multicultural and multiethnic health resources in
- 1231 Connecticut.
- 1232 (d) The office may:
- 1233 (1) Provide grants for culturally appropriate health education
- demonstration projects and may apply for, accept and expend public
- and private funding for such projects; and
- 1236 (2) Recommend policies, procedures, activities and resource
- 1237 allocations to improve health among racial, ethnic and cultural
- 1238 populations in Connecticut.

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- [(e) The Commissioner of Public Health shall submit an annual
- 1240 report concerning the activities of the office to the Governor, the
- 1241 General Assembly, the Permanent Commission on the Status of
- 1242 Women established under section 46a-1, the Latino and Puerto Rican
- 1243 Affairs Commission established under section 2-120, the Indian Affairs
- 1244 Council established under section 47-59b and the Connecticut African-
- 1245 American Affairs Commission. The office shall also hold community
- 1246 workshops and use other means to disseminate its findings state-
- 1247 wide.]
- Sec. 35. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 17a-2 of the general
- statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 1250 (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- (b) Said department shall constitute a successor department to the
- 1252 Department of Children and Youth Services, for the purposes of
- 1253 sections 2c-2b, 4-5, 4-38c, 4-60i, 4-77a, 4-165b, 4a-11b, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-
- 259, 7-127c, 8-206d, 10-8a, 10-15d, 10-76d, 10-76h, 10-76i, 10-76w, 10-
- 1255 76g, 10-94g, 10-253, 17-86a, 17-294, 17-409, 17-437, 17-572, 17-578, 17-
- 1256 579, 17-585, 17a-1 to 17a-89, inclusive, 17a-90 to 17a-209, inclusive, 17a-
- 1257 218, 17a-277, 17a-450, 17a-458, 17a-474, 17a-560, 17a-511, 17a-634, 17a-
- 1258 646, 17a-659, 18-69, 18-69a, 18-87, 19a-78, [19a-125,] 19a-216, as
- amended by this act, 20-14i, 20-14j, 31-23, 31-306a, 38a-514, 45a-591 to
- 1260 45a-705, inclusive, 45a-706 to 45a-770, inclusive, 46a-28, 46a-126, 46b-15
- 1261 to 46b-19, inclusive, 46b-120 to 46b-159, inclusive, 54-56d, 54-142k, 54-
- 1262 199, 54-203 and in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d and
- 1263 4-39.
- 1264 (c) Whenever the words "Commissioner of Children and Youth
- 1265 Services", "Department of Children and Youth Services", or "Council
- on Children and Youth Services" are used in sections 2c-2b, 4-5, 4-38c,
- 1267 4-60i, 4-77a, 4-165b, 4a-11b, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-259, 7-127c, 8-206d, 10-8a,
- 1268 10-15d, 10-76d, 10-76h, 10-76i, 10-76w, 10-94g, 10-253, 17-86a, 17-294,
- 1269 17-409, 17-437, 17-572, 17-578, 17-579, 17-585, 17a-1 to 17a-89, inclusive,
- 1270 17a-90 to 17a-209, inclusive, 17a-218, 17a-277, 17a-450, 17a-458, 17a-474,

- 1271 17a-511, 17a-634, 17a-646, 17a-659, 18-69, 18-69a, 18-87, 19a-78, [19a-
- 1272 125,] 19a-216, as amended by this act, 20-14i, 20-14j, 31-23, 31-306a, 38a-
- 1273 514, 45a-591 to 45a-705, inclusive, 45a-706 to 45a-770, inclusive, 46a-28,
- 1274 46a-126, 46b-15 to 46b-19, inclusive, 46b-120 to 46b-159, inclusive, 54-
- 1275 56d, 54-142k, 54-199, 54-203, the words "Commissioner of Children and
- 1276 Families", "Department of Children and Families", and "Council on
- 1277 Children and Families" shall be substituted respectively in lieu thereof.
- 1278 Sec. 36. Subsection (c) of section 28-24 of the general statutes is
- 1279 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1280 *October* 1, 2011):
- 1281 (c) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to ensure 1282 the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, to the 1283 regional public safety emergency telecommunications centers within 1284 the state, and not later than April first of each year thereafter, the 1285 commissioner shall determine the amount of funding needed for the 1286 development and administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 1287 program. The commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with 1288 (1) the purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety 1289 answering point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the 1290 subsidy program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of 1291 this section, (3) the implementation of the transition grant program, 1292 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (4) the 1293 implementation of the regional emergency telecommunications service 1294 credit, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, 1295 provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year 1296 thereafter, such credit for coordinated medical emergency direction 1297 services as provided in regulations adopted under this section shall be 1298 based upon the factor of thirty cents per capita and shall not be 1299 reduced each year, (5) the training of personnel, as necessary, (6) 1300 recurring expenses and future capital costs associated with the 1301 telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 service 1302 and the public safety services data networks, (7) for the fiscal year 1303 ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the collection,

maintenance and reporting of emergency medical services data, as required under [subparagraphs (A) and (B)] <u>subparagraph (A)</u> of subdivision (8) of section 19a-177, as amended by this act, provided the amount of expenses specified under this subdivision shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any fiscal year, (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch personnel, the provision of an emergency medical dispatch priority reference card set and emergency medical dispatch training and continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (g) of section 28-25b, and (9) the administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program by the Office of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to be reasonably necessary. The commissioner shall communicate the commissioner's findings to the chairperson of the Public Utilities Control Authority not later than April first of each year.

Sec. 37. Sections 19a-6i, 19a-125 and 19a-77a of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2011*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2011	19a-17	
Sec. 2	October 1, 2011	19a-903b	
Sec. 3	October 1, 2011	19a-12aSubsection (a)	
Sec. 4	October 1, 2011	19a-12a(j)	
Sec. 5	October 1, 2011	New section	
Sec. 6	October 1, 2011	19a-14(a)(11)	
Sec. 7	October 1, 2011	7-36	
Sec. 8	October 1, 2011	7-59	
Sec. 9	October 1, 2011	7-37	
Sec. 10	October 1, 2011	7-38	
Sec. 11	October 1, 2011	7-51(a)	
Sec. 12	October 1, 2011	20-14e	
Sec. 13	October 1, 2011	19a-216	
Sec. 14	October 1, 2011	19a-124	
Sec. 15	October 1, 2011	20-32(b)	

Sec. 16	October 1, 2011	10-204a
Sec. 17	October 1, 2011	19a-77(b)
Sec. 18	October 1, 2011	19a-425
Sec. 19	October 1, 2011	19a-80(b)
Sec. 20	October 1, 2011	19a-87b
Sec. 21	October 1, 2011	31-286a(d)
Sec. 22	October 1, 2011	19a-32g
Sec. 23	October 1, 2011	19a-2a
Sec. 24	October 1, 2011	19a-215
Sec. 25	October 1, 2011	19a-91(c)
Sec. 26	October 1, 2011	20-329cc
Sec. 27	October 1, 2011	19a-612d
Sec. 28	October 1, 2011	19a-639a(c)
Sec. 29	October 1, 2011	17b-256(a)
Sec. 30	October 1, 2011	19a-495
Sec. 31	October 1, 2011	19a-491(e)
Sec. 32	October 1, 2011	19a-266
Sec. 33	from passage	19a-177(8)
Sec. 34	October 1, 2011	19a-4j
Sec. 35	October 1, 2011	17a-2(b) and (c)
Sec. 36	October 1, 2011	28-24(c)
Sec. 37	October 1, 2011	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To make various revisions to public health related statutes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]